NOSTALGIA

Drunken cow saved from the snow but ice puts on a show

MIKE PETTY AND JAMES MILNER LOOK THROUGH THE CAMBRIDGE NEWS ARCHIVES AT SOME OF THE STORIES WE REPORTED ON THIS DAY IN THE PAST

Arbury Road 1963

Chaucer Road snow

Problems caused by ice and snow - 1962

Cambridgeshire has not been too badly affected by the cold but Elmdon was cut off, Ickleton lost power on Christmas Day, and a cow had to be rescued after it broke through an ice-covered dyke at Braham Farm, Lt Thetford.

When pulled out, it was too exhausted to stand and was given half a bottle of whisky while a makeshift sledge was constructed.

Snow ploughs were used on the Sutton-Earith Road and several major firms have sent gangs to help clear snow after building work ceased. Several bags of barley fell from a lorry at Littlebury proving a stroke of good fortune for wild birds.

Hundreds of them fed on the seed and passing motorists had to sound their horns to clear birds from the road.

Stages on banks of Ten Mile River - 1926

The Great Ouse River Board heard that a number of stages had been erected on the banks of the Ten Mile River and the Wissey for loading sugar beet.

The banks in many cases had been cut. Furthermore, in loading the beet onto barges, a quantity of earth was allowed to fall into the river. It should be made clear this should not be done without the approval of the board.

Sir Fred Hiam proposed notices be printed so the factories could send one to each farmer who contracted with them to supply beet.

Tithe Barn to make way for houses - 1909

The 250-year-old tithe barn in Shelley Row, Castle End, is to be pulled down to make way for new houses.

It is still in good repair with patches of new straw used to mend the high and thickly-thatched roof.

It was used as a resting place by the French prisoners taken in the Peninsular War during their journey to the prison camp at Norman Cross.

Many people bought objects such as dice and dominoes they made from the bones of the meat supplied to them.

The 'True Blue' in Hobson Street was also one of the billets.

Fund allays pangs of hunger - 1904

For some time, Miss Wilson and her hard-working band of ladies have been daily allaying the pangs of hunger in hundreds of little children and their mothers in the Newmarket Road area of Cambridge by giving them free dinners. Now their effort is brought to an end.

Not only are the financial

Barges with stage for loading sugar beet in the background, Littleport